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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Drier weather conditions have helped with the progress of crops, especially haymaking. High temperatures were in the 90s, and lows were in the 60s. Precipitation was down this week; several locations received no rain.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/26/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	19	68	11
Subsoil	1	14	77	8

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/26/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	6	7	24	60	3
Grapes	3	3	11	81	2
Peaches	12	7	17	63	1
Corn	-	1	10	61	28
Cotton	-	-	7	90	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	2	23	61	14
Hay, Other	1	8	27	53	11
Peanuts	-	-	22	71	7
Potatoes, Summer	-	-	19	81	0
Soybeans	-	3	24	60	13
Tobacco, Burley	-	1	29	60	10
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	4	30	61	5
Tobacco, Flue-cured	3	4	25	48	20
Pasture	1	7	28	49	15
Livestock	1	5	23	56	15

-Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/26/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	6	-	13	32
Peaches harvested	38	25	36	41
Corn silking	82	69	84	86
Corn doughing	40	25	50	43
Corn dented	13	3	15	14
Cotton squaring	94	84	90	90
Cotton setting bolls	44	23	46	48
Oats harvested	96	90	98	-
Peanuts pegging	65	44	73	71

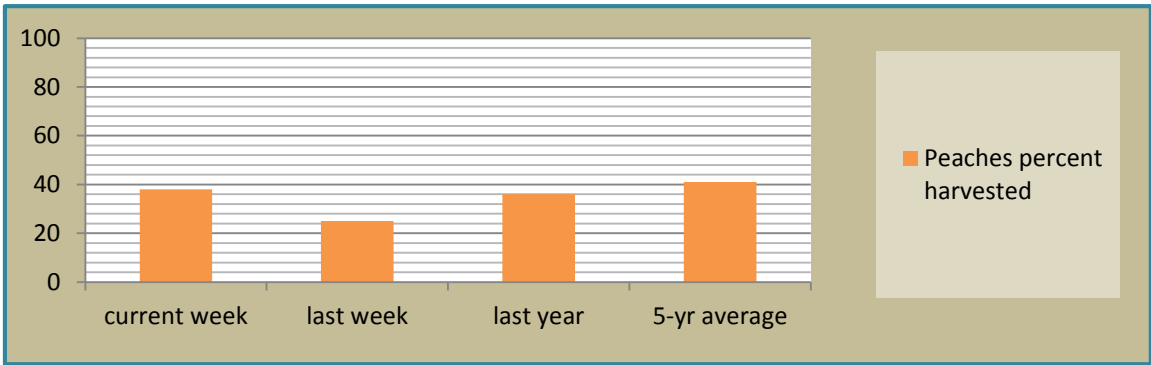
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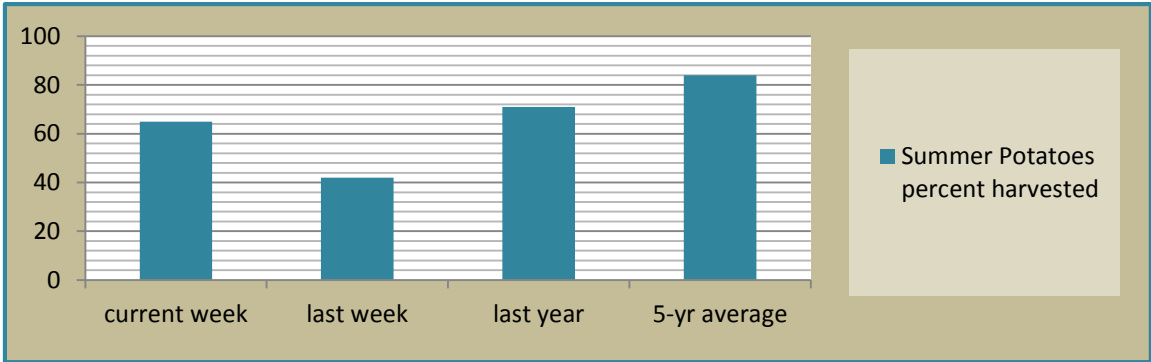
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Potatoes, Summer harvested	65	42	71	84
Soybeans blooming	27	18	38	37
Soybeans setting pods	11	3	14	10

- Represents data not available.

PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 07/26/15



SUMMER POTATOES HARVESTED for week ending 07/26/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 26, 2015

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to July 25	Mar. 1 to July 25 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	87	66	91	62	76	1	2298	2120	0.00	8.32	0.96	21.70	-3.82
Norfolk	88	72	95	68	80	1	2650	2320	0.00	14.97	7.18	29.97	3.69
Richmond	90	69	94	63	80	2	2668	2309	0.77	10.97	3.81	28.96	4.00
Roanoke	88	69	93	64	79	2	2420	NA	0.00	13.33	6.46	28.29	3.48
Wash/Dulles	88	66	94	58	77	1	2269	NA	0.00	10.75	3.82	24.62	0.95

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

PRINCE WILLIAM (Paige Thacker)

Extreme temperatures and lack of rainfall this week, with more in the forecast.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)

Dry and warm characterized this week. The week was favorable for hay making but most of the corn in the Rockbridge region is in the pollination stage and very much in need rain.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

Weather has remained hot and dry this week and our county has missed most of the spotty showers that crossed the area recently.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

The past few weeks have been without any precipitation with high amounts of sunshine and low humidity. The top of the ground is starting to become dry.

CHESTERFIELD (Charlotte Maxwell)

Very hot and dry the past 7 days, couple of heat advisories.

HENRICO (Karen Carter)

Very dry, hot humid days. No precipitation.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Rainfall was quite variable last week with some areas receiving little to no rainfall and a few isolated areas reported over 2 inches. Producers and agribusiness personnel continued to scout soybeans for insects and diseases. A few producers took advantage of the dry weather to make a hay crop.

GLOUCESTER (David Moore)

Post emerge herbicides on soybeans, scouting for disease, weeds and insects, haymaking, small grain seed selection, field day planning and vegetable harvest are the activities of the week. All is well for the most part. Has dried down some now and crops look good for the most part. Show signs of dryness rather quickly. The market continues to drop.

SOUTHWESTERN

CARROLL (Steve Pottorff)

Traces of rain fell several times last week. Weather conditions remain relatively dry.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Things are a bit dry and the beans are starting to show it. Pulling has begun in the flue. The dry weather the last two weeks has allowed second cutting hay to be rolled without being rained on. Animals look good overall. Can't really complain.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Flue cured tobacco is being pulled and cured. Small grains are harvested and soybeans have been planted and are coming up. Some previous rains may have contributed to some spotty germination in a few places.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Crops have struggled with excess water this year creating barren spots in soybeans and diseases in all crops. This week has been drier. Farmers are cleaning up soybean fields experiencing more grass pressure with post-emergence herbicides.

GREENSVILLE (Nichole Norton)

Some tobacco lost to hail damage ~ 25-30 acres.

SURRY (Glenn Slade)

All crops are growing very well. With recent rains, corn yields should be very good this year, with cotton, peanuts, and soybeans entering their reproductive stages.

SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)

Good crop growing weather for all of the crops. Corn is made and cotton looks good as well as soybean and peanut. Growers are spraying herbicides for soybean and peanut for escape weeds and grasses.